

CONGRESS ENDS LONG NINE MONTHS' BUSY SESSION

PAST SEASON BUSY ONE FOR PLAYGROUNDS

Figures Compiled by F. B. Barnes, Director, Show 154,848 Attended During the Summer.

SWIMMING POOL DREW MANY TO STUDEBAKERS

Girls Show Interest in Play Spots and More Attend in 1916—Bathing Place is Necessary.

South Bend's playgrounds proved even more of a success during the past summer than they did last year, according to an attendance report completed Friday by F. B. Barnes, municipal recreation director, which shows that already the attendance for this year has increased 62,430 over the entire season that the playgrounds were in operation in 1915. If the same average is maintained during the remainder of the year, it is expected that the total increase of 1916 over the preceding year will be about 100,000.

Mr. Barnes' report for 1915 covers the period between June 15 and Dec. 31, showing that during those months 120,424 were in attendance at the playgrounds. The 1916 report, including the time between June 10 and Sept. 2, shows the attendance during this period was 154,848.

Following is a table showing the attendance at the various playgrounds in 1915 and 1916:

Playground	1915	1916
Oliver	71,949	45,849
Laurel	8,539	9,605
Leeper	37,915	37,915
Howard	3,961	21,600
Studebaker	25,722	25,722
Sample	21,897	7,905
Kaley	12,225	7,866
Totals	170,424	154,848

In addition to the 154,848 that is shown in part of the report, there is a total of 28,006 people who attended the Kaley, Sample and Oliver playgrounds before June 10, bringing the total for the year up to 182,854. Mr. Barnes expects these figures to be raised to more than 200,000 by the end of the year.

Leeper, Studebaker and Howard parks had no playgrounds last summer, but the one at Howard during the past summer was located at the Coquillard school in 1915. The apparatus was left at Coquillard this year, but there was no supervised play. It is probable that the attendance at Coquillard playground during the summer would increase the total by a few thousand. Mr. Barnes pointed out that the increase of nearly 15,000 at Howard park this summer proved the advisability of changing supervised play from Coquillard to Howard park.

Many at Studebaker. The playground at Studebaker park, which was secured after considerable agitation last winter, showed the third highest attendance of any playground in the city. A swimming pool built by the boys who attended the playground every day, was one of the big drawing cards there. The boys built a dam across a gully formed by Bowman creek and the city furnished water for keeping the pool at a level.

Sample and Kaley playgrounds showed a decrease in attendance, but the loss at Sample is accounted for by the fact that the grounds were open only seven weeks, owing to the work that was being done to get ready for the erection of the new \$100,000 school building there. The playground was moved back from its former location.

This decrease is offset by the attendance figures for the period between Feb. 3 and May 27, when some indoor and outdoor work was being carried on at the civic center. During this time the attendance was 12,745. Kaley civic club had a celebration at the Kaley playground in May, which brought out 1,160 people. Oliver playground had an attendance of 12,121 during two weeks in February and in May.

The apparent loss in attendance at Oliver playground is due to the fact that the 1915 figures for that place include the entire year, while this year's report is for three months only. The attendance at Oliver for 1915 was not kept separate and it is not known what the figures for the playground season were.

Girls Are Interested. According to the report, there was a marked increase in the number of girls attending the playgrounds.

Late Bulletins

ADMITS LOSS.
BERLIN, Sept. 8.—Today's official war reports admit that German troops have lost ground at Souville, on the Somme front, but records further success for the Turkish-Bulgarian army operating against Roumania. In the Roumanian war theater the Russian troops in the vicinity of Dobrich were driven back.

TAKE OFFENSIVE.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Russians have taken the offensive against the Germans and Bulgarians all along the line in Dobrudja province, says a Rome wireless dispatch, and a great battle is raging on a 100-mile front.

PASS RESOLUTION.
WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The senate before adjournment today adopted Sen. Curtis' resolution to investigate the alleged activities of the British government's lobby against the amendment now dead to the revenue bill relating against Canadian fisheries for discriminations against American products.

WILSON IS OFF TO ATLANTIC CITY

President to Address Suffrage Association Now in Session There.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—President Wilson left Washington at 1 o'clock this afternoon for Atlantic City and Shadow Lawn, probably not to return here until after the November elections. Accompanying him were Mrs. Wilson, Sec'y Tumulty, Dr. Cary Grayson, the president's physician, and his staff of stenographers. The party will arrive in Atlantic City at 5:45 this afternoon and in the evening the president will address the National Woman's suffrage association. After spending the night in Atlantic City, the president's party will go by automobile to Shadow Lawn to remain for the summer.

Sec'y of the Navy Daniels left Washington on the same train as the president for Atlantic City to hear the president's address this evening.

FOR WILSON.
ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Sept. 8.—Ella Flagg Young, former superintendent of Chicago's schools and one of the foremost educators of the country, today declared she would give her support to Pres't Wilson in this fall's campaign.

"I am opposed to Mr. Hughes because while governor of New York, he vetoed a bill guaranteeing equal pay for men and women teachers," said Mrs. Young.

SHERMAN KNEW FULL WELL WAR SURELY IS—

Soldiers Spend Night in Storm When Animal Enters Tent.

LAKE GENÈVE, Wis., Sept. 8.—Soldiers at the woman's preparedness camp here brazenly asserted today that Gen. Sherman still has a lot to learn about war.

Cop's Revolver is Used by Suicide

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—A well-dressed, middle-aged man walked up to mounted Policeman Bersley at Randolph and Dearborn sts. today, extracted the officer's revolver from his holster and calmly shot himself through the head before the astonished Bersley could interfere. He died instantly.

BULGARS WIN 2 PORT CITIES ON BLACK SEA

Sofia Reports Victory in Roumanian Advance—Much Austrian Territory Held by the Enemy.

RUSSIANS MEET WITH STUBBORN RESISTANCE

Offensive in Galicia Continues Says Petrograd—Paris Reports German Attacks Are Repulsed.

SOFIA, Sept. 8.—The capture of two Roumanian port cities on the Black sea coast by the Bulgarians was announced today in the following official statement dated Sept. 7: "We have occupied the line of heights west of Kiskene. We have also occupied Drobitch, Delchik, Kavarna and Kalerka."

Delchik and Kavarna are on the Black sea coast 10 miles apart.

TAKE MANY TOWNS.
ZURICH, Sept. 8.—During the first week of their participation in the war, Roumanian troops took more than 100 villages and towns from the Austrians and hoisted the national flag over them according to reports to Swiss newspapers. The dispatches state that everywhere in Transylvania the soldiers of King Ferdinand were enthusiastically received by the civilian population.

BERLIN CELEBRATES.
BERLIN, Sept. 8.—The capture of the Roumanian fortress of Turtukan by an army of German and Bulgarian soldiers has aroused much jubilation throughout the central empire.

In this city the Bulgarian flag is being flown on many buildings and merchants are doing a thriving business in the sale of pictures of King Ferdinand and of Bulgarian generals.

NO REPORT YET.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—The Roumanian legation has not yet received any official report of the capture of Turtukan along with 20,000 prisoners by the German-Bulgarian army.

RUSSIANS GAIN.
PETROGRAD, Sept. 8.—The Russian offensive in Galicia continues successfully despite the stubborn resistance of the German allies.

German counter attacks on the Dvina and in Volhynia have been repulsed.

The war office issued the following statement on operations today: "German counter attacks on our positions on the western bank of the Dvina were repulsed. An attack in the region of Kovell, in the direction of Kovel, was also repulsed. On the Gnila Lipa river in Galicia our offensive continues despite the stubborn resistance of the enemy, who is bombarding us from the right bank of the river."

ATTACK AERODROME.
LONDON, Sept. 8.—An air attack against the German aerodrome at St. Denis-Western, five miles from Ghent, was reported by the admiralty today. One British aeroplane failed to return. The official version of the raid follows: "Naval aeroplanes bombarded the enemy aerodrome at St. Denis-Western on Thursday. Many bombs were dropped with good results. One of our machines failed to return. In the afternoon a naval aeroplane attacked and set fire to a kite balloon at Ostend. The pilot returned safely."

Germany Halted Polish Relief is Claim of British

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The British ambassador, Sir Cecil Spring-Rice, handed to Pres't Wilson at the white house today an autograph letter from King George of England explaining why Great Britain could not agree to the Polish relief proposal of this government. This letter, it is understood, places the blame on Germany for refusing to give safeguards that the foodstuffs would not be requisitioned for army purposes.

CONGRESS DRAWS WILSON'S PRAISE

Full of Helpful and Humane Legislation Ended All Too Soon.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—Pres't Wilson this afternoon lauded the work of congress during the session just closed and at the same time served notice on the departing legislators that he would insist upon passage of his recent strike prevention legislation program in the early days of the next session.

The president issued the following statement: "A very remarkable session of congress has just closed, full, as all recent sessions of the congress have been, of helpful and humane legislation which constituted contributions of a capital importance to the defense, the economic progress and the wholesome life of the country. It is to be regretted that the session could not have been continued long enough to complete the program recently projected with regard to the accommodations of labor disputes between the railways and the employees, out it was not feasible in the circumstances to continue the session any longer and therefore only the most immediately pressing parts of the program could be completed. The rest, it is agreed, has merely been postponed until it can be more maturely deliberated and perfected. I have every reason to believe that it is the purpose of the leaders of the two houses immediately upon the resumption of congress to undertake this additional legislation. It is evident that the country should be relieved of the anxiety which must have been created by recent events with regard to the future accommodation of such disputes."

Financing the Indiana Centennial Celebration

The method of financing St. Joseph county's great Indiana centennial celebration to be held in South Bend Oct. 3, 4 and 5 is interesting. This is the first time this method has been used in this city for financing any public affair of more than ordinary consequence.

A celebration was suggested more than a year ago and the Chamber of Commerce got back of the suggestion. When the importance and magnitude of the undertaking were fully appreciated an organization named the South Bend's Indiana Centennial association was incorporated under the Indiana laws with an existence of one year. The directors are J. D. Oliver, C. B. Stephenson, C. C. Hanch, E. Louis Kuhns, Rev. Dr. C. A. Lippincott, C. C. Herr, A. Frank, Mayor F. W. Keller, George H. Wheelock, E. L. Burch, F. L. Dennis, John Henry Zuver, Albert V. Weigel, F. B. Barnes and F. A. Miller. The officers are Mr. Miller, president; Mr. Stephenson, vice president; Mr. Weigel, secretary, and Mr. Burch, treasurer. All serve without remuneration.

To finance the comprehensive undertaking it was decided to create a guarantee fund of \$20,000. A guarantee subscription form was devised which provided that signers would not be held for the amount opposite their names until the full amount of \$20,000 has been subscribed. In other words if the \$20,000 guarantee could not be secured then every guarantee would be void. This guarantee is simply a promise to pay the amount guaranteed should it be needed. If the weather is pleasant Oct. 3, 4 and 5 and the historical pageant on those evenings is patronized as it will merit, which means that every one of 10,000 seats will be occupied, the guarantors of this guarantee fund will not be asked for a cent.

On this guarantee fund are subscriptions for \$1,000, for \$500, for \$200 and for \$100 from persons and firms whose loyalty to Indiana and whose pride in St. Joseph county have prompted them to act, realizing that the centennial is to be the greatest public event in the history of the county. If any persons in St. Joseph county are actuated by equal loyalty and pride their names on this guarantee fund will be most welcome and they should at once notify centennial headquarters in the Chamber of Commerce.

FIRE SHOTS AT PASSING TRAIN AT NEW YORK

Panic Results But None Are Injured—Two Elevated Trains Bombarded With Bottles.

STRIKE IS FAILURE, ACCORDING TO OFFICIALS

Movement on Foot to Depose Leader Fitzgerald and Sue For Peace With Company.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Shots were fired in the strike of traction employees today for the first time. The target was a train on the 9th av. line which had just pulled into the 56th st. station. Just as the motorman brought the train to a stop four shots were fired at it from the roof of a nearby house.

None of the passengers or train crew was injured, but they were panic-stricken. Rushing from the train, both passengers and workers took refuge in the station until assured there was no further danger. Shortly afterward two more trains on the same elevated line were bombarded with bottles near 44th st. Several windows in the train were broken and a passenger was cut by flying glass.

Roofs Are Searched.
These attacks on the elevated tracks were followed by a thorough search of roofs along the thoroughfare, but the police captured no prisoners. Fearing that further disorder might occur it was ordered that patrolmen be stationed on the roofs in each block, while a squad of detectives was sent from headquarters to make a house to house search for the persons who had thrown the missiles.

The general situation on the subway and elevated lines was unchanged today. The trains were running on practically schedule time bearing out the reiterated statements of the Interborough Rapid Transit officials that the strike was a failure. On the surface lines of the New York Railways Co. more cars were being operated early today than were running during the same hours on Thursday.

Strikers Dissatisfied.
Grumblings of discontent are already heard among the employees who obeyed the order of Organizer William B. Fitzgerald to strike. There is a movement on foot to depose this leader and sue for peace with the traction companies.

Monarchs Pleased With Allied Drive



KING GEORGE & KING ALBERT ©INTL FILM SERVICE
King George of England and King Albert of Belgium, were so pleased with the successes of the allies, which they viewed at first hand on a recent visit to the western battle front, that they were able to smile as they congratulated each other.

COMMISSION TO CONSULT BANKERS WOMAN VS. WOMAN IN MURDER TRIAL

Anxious to Arrange Loan For Mexico As Soon As Possible.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Sept. 8.—Members of the Mexican commission will leave here late today for New York, where they are expected to confer with representatives of American bankers. Their trip is ostensibly a "shopping tour," but it is known that they are anxious to secure a loan as soon as possible.

Louis Calverra, chairman of the Mexican commission, and minister of finance in the Carranza cabinet, has just returned from a secret trip to Boston, where, it is understood, he conferred with members of a large banking concern.

Facing new complications caused by the reported presence of Villa in the state of Chihuahua, the American-Mexican commissioners today had under consideration the first of the series of problems confronting them—the withdrawal of the Pershing expedition.

Members of the commission gave credence to the report of the renewed activities of the bandit chief, Max Baer, in northern Mexico. This fact, with the reported new orders to Gen. Pershing to "get Villa," caused no little concern here, and pointed to a delay in settling the question of the withdrawal of the American punitive expedition. There has been no rescinding of the orders issued by Gen. Carranza to attack the American column if it moves in any direction away toward the border, it was admitted. It is the expectation of all the commissioners that no clash would result from an active pursuit of Villa by Pershing's troops, but they fear the possibility of such an occurrence at this time, which might postpone for years and possibly terminate the work now being attempted by the commission.

Owing to the present concern over Villa there is small likelihood of a decisive recommendation for leaving or withdrawing the Pershing column. This was frankly admitted. This unforeseen delay in the conference forced the commissioners to spend most of their time today in discussion of the general situation.

Mrs. Barnes May be Prosecuted by a Member of Her Own Sex.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—Chicago's latest husband-slayer, Mrs. Iva Barnes, who shot James R. Barnes to death when he refused to withdraw a divorce suit, probably will be prosecuted by a woman when her case comes to trial. More than 20 women who slew their husbands have been acquitted in the last few years in Chicago, and authorities declare it is impossible for a man prosecutor to get a conviction of a woman.

Women prominent in club and civic affairs were heartily endorsing a movement today to have Mrs. Barnes' case prosecuted by a woman lawyer in an effort to check this unbroken string of acquittals. Agitation was begun to have a petition to this effect circulated among Chicago women.

The sympathies of a male jury invariably are with the defendant woman, according to officials. Even women who confessed to killing their husbands in brutal ways have escaped punishment because of the jury's aversion to sentencing a woman. By having a woman prosecute a woman, it is declared, the sympathies of the 12 men will be divided.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Barnes alternately plays the piano and sobs in the county jail. Weakened by the rigorous examinations by the police and hysterical at what she has done she sits at the piano and pours her feelings into music.

Suspect Woman in New York Murder

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Police officials admitted today that they have under surveillance a woman suspected of having murdered Alvin Karpis, Diworth in Van Cortlandt park last Sunday night. It is now the police theory that Diworth was murdered by a woman angered by jealousy.

REVENUE BILL IS SIGNED BY PRES'T WILSON

Drop of Gavels in Two Houses is Signal For General Scramble to Get Away From Washington.

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS SETTLED BY CONGRESS

Built Up Elaborate Preparedness Program and Passed \$200,000 Law to Pay For It.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—The first session of the 64th congress came to an end at 10:02 today. The most momentous session of any congress for a generation closed as Pres't Wilson signed the administration \$200,000,000 revenue bill, last of a long series of important measures which have occupied the attention of the nine months' sitting.

Ten o'clock this morning was fixed as the hour of adjournment by a joint resolution adopted by both house and senate, and the fall of the gavels of Vice Pres't Marshall and Speaker Clark dissolved congress until Dec. 4. The drop of the gavels was a signal for a general scramble to get away from Washington and senators and representatives hurried away to get into the political campaign.

President Arrives.
Pres't Wilson went to the capitol at 9:15 and immediately went to his office in the senate wing where he was to remain until nine die adjournment of congress. The president planned to sign all bills passed as quickly as possible in order to prevent the "too far turning back" of the official clocks of the two bodies.

In his room in the senate wing, the president immediately began signing the bills awaiting his signatures. Sens. Simmons and Hughes were with him as he signed at 9:30 the emergency revenue measure, the last big legislative effort of the congress. The general deficiency appropriation bill and various minor measures were ready for the president's signature and he went at the work with energy and dispatch.

The senate pattered along with miscellaneous discussion after Sen. Owen had announced that he had abandoned his fight for the corrupt practices bill to clear the way for adjournment.

In the house Rep. Harrison of Mississippi, improved the idle hour by making a defense of the administration's Mexican policy.

The house named Reps. Kitchin, Fitzgerald and Mann as a committee to notify the president that congress was ready to adjourn.

They hurried to the senate side and joined Sens. Kern and Smoot, named as the senate members of the committee. The committee joined the president in his room and at 9:45 he told the members that he had no further communication to make to congress.

The proceedings in the house were deadly dull. It had been intended that the lower body would be held in session until a set program of political speeches had been completed, but as soon as word was received that the senate had "shut up shop" one minute before 10 o'clock, permission hurriedly was granted various members to "extend their remarks in the record" and at 10:02 the house adjourned sine die. No business whatever was transacted at the morning session. In the senate before 10 o'clock, Sen. Kern, the majority leader, and Sen. Smoot, representing the republicans, took the center of the chamber and made the formal announcement that the joint committee had ascertained from the president that he had no further business to lay before congress.

Pass Usual Vote.
The usual vote of thanks to the officers of the two houses were adopted in a hurry just before adjournment.

Within a few minutes of the drop of the gavel in both of the houses, the president left the capitol to return to the white house. He stopped on his way to allow photographers to take his picture.

Grave domestic problems, given complications of the European war, death and disorder on the Mexican frontier, and efforts at legislative reform passed in kaleidoscope review before the congress in the nine months of its sitting. Following